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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In February 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **Frank E. Cole** (MD00016475) with unprofessional conduct. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard by failing to appropriately manage a patient's pain, failing to continue physician orders for tracheostomy care for a patient resulting in patient death, treating a patient unsuccessfully when consulting medical staff over the phone resulting in patient death, and failing to dictate a history and physical report of a patient for six days after the patient's death.

Clallam County

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program released registered nursing assistant **Tuesday Nichole Taylor** (NA60183516) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

King County

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Jan Artis** (NC10021962) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

In March 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Christopher Ellis Barquet** (CO60200286) and placed his registration on probation for three years. Between 1977 and 2007 he was convicted of three misdemeanors, three gross misdemeanors, and nine felonies. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Joseph B. Barsana** (NA00197256) with unprofessional conduct. While at work he allegedly was found passed out in the stairwell, he had a half-empty whiskey bottle on the counter in the med tech office, and a pill bottle with his name was found containing cocaine as well as a glass narcotics pipe.

In March 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Wendy Lynn Blackburn** (CP00004283) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

In March 2011 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Guillermo Chang** (PH00040177).

In March 2011 the Massage Program charged **Jan Gelderloos** (MA00006764) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly engaged in sexual misconduct during treatment, attempted to enter into a sexual relationship with a patient and continued to attempt to contact her after she denied his advances, and terminated the professional relationship.

In March 2011 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Robert G. Haining** (MD00008934) and placed his license on probation for three years. The care he provided to two patients allegedly fell below the standard and created an unreasonable risk of harm. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In March 2011 the Massage Program charged **Elizabeth M. Hall** (MA60133247) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly performed a massage while intoxicated, and failed to terminate a massage when asked by the patient, resulting in police detainment.

In March 2011 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Joseph M. McCreery** (MD00021272) on probation for three years. He entered into a sexual relationship with a patient. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In October 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jina Marie Milius** (CO60185460). In 2000 she was convicted of theft, in 2001 she was convicted of being a person under 21 years of age in possession of liquor, and in 2004 she was convicted of vehicular homicide.

In March 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Janice M. Omohundro** (RN00145687) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In February 2011 the X-Ray Technician Program reinstated the registration of **Jennifer L. Wolford** (XT00005315).

Kitsap County

In March 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Cindy Spradling** (RN00167615) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly withdrew oxycodone for patients but failed to administer it, failed to document administration, failed to document wastage, or diverted the pills.

Lewis County

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the certification and registration of **Bryan Scott Sabich** (NC60162801, NA60149516) and placed conditions against his credentials. In 2006 and 2005 he was convicted of driving under the influence, and in 2005 he was convicted of driving while license suspended. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification and registration.

Mason County

In March 2011 the Massage Program charged **Alan D. Bennett** (MA00007761) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly touched a patient's nipples, and digitally penetrated two patients' vaginas during massage treatments.

Pierce County

In March 2011 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **Lynn E. Irwin** (PH00011061).

San Juan County

In February 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Kristy Dawn Nelson** (NC60201715) and placed her certification on probation for one year. In 2004 she was convicted of driving under the influence, and in 2005 she was convicted of forgery. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In March 2011 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Robert A. Wilson** (MD00032057) on probation for four years. He entered into a sexual relationship with a patient, continued to prescribe to her while in the relationship, and revealed information to the patient about her husband who was another patient of his. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Snohomish County

In March 2011 the Counselor Program charged agency affiliated counselor **James Phillip Yorlang** (CG60151487) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include spending time with

patients outside of work hours, purchasing beer and wine for a patient, taking patients shopping with his money, and bringing a friend with him when he was performing job duties.

Spokane County

In March 2011 the Board of Pharmacy reinstated the license of pharmacy technician **George D. Robinson** (VA00016860).

In March 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **JoNelle M. Shippy** (NA00040410) and placed conditions against her registration with which she must comply.

Whatcom County

In February 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Crystal A. Westcott** (RN00176940) with unprofessional conduct. She entered into an agreed order with the State of Texas restricting her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Texas.

Yakima County

In March 2011 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Program terminated the order of probation against **Jay Cort** (RC00026271, CP00001982).

Out of State

Mississippi: In March 2011 the Radiologic Technologist Program charged **Myra Welch** (RT00007651) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions of an agreement allowing her to practice.

Oregon: In February 2011 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against licensed practical nurse **Kathryn A. Halvorsen** (LP00051872).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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